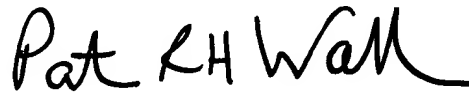


**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are allowable. If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is due with this amendment. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee that may be due to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Respectfully submitted,



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